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From: Fortin, Kelly [Fortin.Kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/29/2017 7:03:14 PM
To: Crosby-Vega, Terri [Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Draft Comments for Discussion

From the NAS website that you told me about. There are a few reference documents on the bottom of meeting page.

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/DEPS/BAST/DEPS_180898

From: Crosby-Vega, Terri
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Fortin, Kelly <Fortin.Kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Comments for Discussion

Hi Kelly,

Where did you get the table that you attached in your email? I don't remember seeing it before (but that doesn't mean that I haven't seen it)....just curious.

Thanks,
Terri

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For clarification, there are three different open burn activities, in different locations, at the HSAAP facility.

- 1) Pan burning of munitions (steel pan on concrete pad to avoid contact with surface soil)– this activity is covered by the RCRA permit. This is allowed on a daily basis.
- 2) Cage burn (burn barrel) – of institutional waste – including plastic bags, filter socks, gloves and other PPE, and other industrial waste that may be “energized” (contain explosive residue). This is allowed on a daily basis by the Title V permit, but typically occurs weekly. This activity is being treated as exempt from the open burning prohibition in SIP, and is allowed by the Title V permit, but does not appear to be regulated under the RCRA permit (it is mentioned in the RCRA permit as being allowed by the Title V permit). It does not appear that this waste has been designated as “hazardous waste.”
- 3) Open pile burn of construction and demo waste, concrete, soil, etc. that may be “energized.” This activity is allowed quarterly by the Title V permit. These are often very large piles (30 ft) that may burn for 2-3 days. The piles are ignited with wood pallets and fuel oil. This activity is being treated as exempt from the open burning prohibition in the SIP, but does not appear to be regulated under the RCRA permit. It is not clear that this waste has been designated as “hazardous waste,” nor does it appear to be covered by the RCRA permit. This activity appears to have been stopped or limited at other military installations pursuant to TSCA.

Of note:

- 1) The 6000 acre facility has a permitted landfill. The facility also appears to be allowed, pursuant to the Title V permit, to open burn energized waste *from other facilities* for the purpose of disposal, if that is the only safe means.
- 2) TN indicated there are no ambient monitors at the facility to determine type or rate of emissions. Data from open burning at other military installations have found elevated levels of lead, arsenic, chloromethane, acrolein, dioxin, furans, and PCBs. Asbestos would be expected in the demo waste (this is not a complete list and would depend on factors such as materials burned, temperature, etc.).
- 3) The opening burning provision in TN regulations allows an exemption for “contaminated or potentially contaminated combustible materials,” only “where no other safe means of disposal exists.”
- 4) The public controversy surrounds whether other “safe means of disposal exist,” given other military facilities have employed approved technologies other than open burning for energized waste, the Army DDESB has a list of approved systems, etc.. The Army issued a report in 2012 that describes several other potential technologies for Holston, but the facility does not appear to intend to pursue them at this time. The report concludes that other technologies appear feasible, but that it would be difficult to obtain an air permit for incineration (lowest cost technology). Summaries/report attached for reference.

From: Mitchell, Ken

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:19 AM

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Heather....

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From: Ceron, Heather
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 9:00 AM
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Subject: FW: Draft Comments for Discussion

Ideas?

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I did a quick review of the OSWI NSPS and Emissions Guideline at 40 CFR 60 Subparts EEEE and FFFF. The open burning pile and cage at HSAAP are neither new incineration units, OSWI units, nor air curtain incinerators (see 40 CFR 60.2885 and 40 CFR 60.2981) and therefore would not be subject to the OSWI NSPS or Emissions Guideline. Thus, there does not appear to be a federal or state air quality standard that would be triggered due open burning of lead contaminated material. Consequently, I am aware of any regulatory authority to require monitoring or recordkeeping for the lead content of the materials combusted in the open burning pile or cage in the Title V permit.

From: Ceron, Heather [<mailto:Ceron.Heather@epa.gov>]
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Subject: RE: Draft Comments for Discussion

Correct

From: James Johnston [<mailto:James.Johnston@tn.gov>]
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To: Ceron, Heather <Ceron.Heather@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft Comments for Discussion

So if I read this correctly, they need to have some form of documentation that the cage and pile burns are not subject to OSWI. Correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2017, at 2:50 PM, Ceron, Heather <Ceron.Heather@epa.gov> wrote:

Jimmy,

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Thank you for your efforts on this.
Heather

From: James Johnston [<mailto:James.Johnston@tn.gov>]
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Subject: RE: Draft Comments for Discussion

Thank you. We are reviewing the comments and I have asked our asbestos coordinator about material burned in the pile. However, I do have a question about lead. Should the material being combusted contain lead, what applicable air quality regulation would apply and if so, at what threshold of lead contamination or lead emissions? (We are aware of the 0.5 ton/year applicability for lead monitoring, but I am unaware of any other applicable requirement that could potentially be triggered.)

From: Ceron, Heather [<mailto:Ceron.Heather@epa.gov>]
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To: James Johnston
Subject: Draft Comments for Discussion

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Jimmy,

Attached are draft comments on the Holston TV renewal. These are strictly draft and are intended for discussion purposes. Please let me know at your earliest convenience when you would like to discuss. Thanks and we look forward to working with TDEC to address any concerns.

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